Chukha hydel project in Bhutan

@*399-A. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Water and Power Commission has been administering the Chukha Hydel Project in Bhutan;

(b) if so, since when the project has been going on, the number of employees it has employed since 1974 and what is the present strength;

(c) whether it is a fact that all workmen are working on temporary basis for the last ten years; and

(d) if so, what steps Government have taken to make them permanent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) No, Sir. The Chukha Hydel project in Bhutan is being constructed by the Chukha Project Authority, an autonomous body under the Royal Government of Bhutan.

(b) The project was taken up for construction in 1974 and the number of persons employed since then have varied according to the requirements of work. At present, the project has a strength of about 2700 personnel directly recruited in addition to personnel on deputation from the Government of India, a few other organisations in India, and the Royal Government of Bhutan.

(c) and (d) The directly-recruited staff are not borne on any cadre of the Royal Government of Bhutan since they are required only for the duration of construction of the project. As such, these workers cannot be made permanent.

@Previously Starred Question 380 transferred from the 13th December, 1985.

Karnal and Mangalore Refineries

*400. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 48 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 18th November, 1985 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had set October 21st, 1985 as the dead line for submitting detailed offer to the Indian Oil Corporation and the Hindustan Petroleum for joint venture participation in the Karnal and Mangalore refineries;

(b) if so, how many companies have offered their services in this regard;

(c) whether any final decision has been taken as to whom this contract would be awarded;

(d) what are the criteria that have been followed for deciding the same; and

(e) by when the work on these projects is likely to be started?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA): (a) to (e) All the parties had been asked to send their proposals by 25th October, 1985. 19 parties in all have shown interest in entering into a joint venture with either Indian Oil Corporation or Hindustan Petroleum Corporation for the Karnal and Mangalore Refineries.

No final decision has yet been taken as to the parties with whom the joint venture companies should be formed.

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(क) केन्द्रीय जांच ब्यूरो के अधिकारी कब से भोपाल जहरीले गैस कांड तथा

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